

RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)

CX-NM-066-2001-0143

Yates Petroleum Corporation

Serial No.: NM-72779

BLM Office: Roswell Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Right-of-Way for an existing off lease access road.

Location of Proposed Action:

T. 5 S., R. 24 E., N.M.P.M.

Section 9: N1/2SW1/4;

Section 10: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4;

Section 11: SE1/4;

Section 13: SW1/4;

Section 14: E1/2, SE1/4NW1/4;

Section 15: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4;

Section 22: NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4;

Section 23: N1/2SW1/4, NE1/4NE1/4;

Section 25: SE1/4NE1/4, N1/2SW1/4;

Section 26: NW1/4NW1/4, S1/2S1/2, NW1/4SW1/4;

Section 27: E1/2, NE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4;

Section 28: S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4;

Section 30: E1/2E1/2;

Section 34: E1/2E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4.

Section 35: N1/2, NE1/4SW1/4.

For a total length of 13.1 miles (69,168 feet).

Description of Proposed Action: Yates Petroleum Corporation filed a right-of-way application for an off lease access road in accordance with New Mexico Road Policy.

This amendment is for 69,168 feet (13.1 miles) of additional access road. The additional length will provide legal access on existing roads. No new disturbance will occur. The amendment brings the total length of the right-of-way to 82,668 feet (15.657 miles) and the width of the entire right-of-way to 30 feet wide with a 14 feet driving surface. The road would provide access to service oil and gas leases. No new disturbance will occur. The road would be maintained in accordance with the Standard Stipulations for Roads in the Roswell Field Office, BLM.

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW.

The proposed action is consistent with the approved Roswell Resource Area Management Plan and is consistent with Bureau policy and guidance.

The proposed action is consistent with State and local government programs, plans, zoning, and applicable regulations. The land is suitable for the proposed use and would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

PART II: NEPA REVIEW

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, E (16). The proposed action has been reviewed and determined that none of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

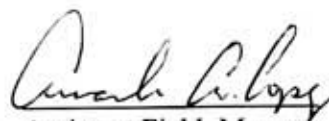

Irene Gonzales-Salas, Realty Specialist

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III. DECISION

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with existing Bureau policy and guidance and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to allow the right-of-way as described, for a term to coincide with that of the original grant, and expires 11/17/2019, with an option to renew, under the authority of Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, subject to the terms and conditions in 43 CFR 2801; and the Standard Stipulations for Roads in the Roswell District, BLM.

Compliance and Monitoring: The construction phase of this proposed action and subsequent operational phases will be monitored as per regulation.


Assistant Field Manager
Lands and Minerals

8/30/01
Date